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Dear George,

That neat Chronicle editorial had floated across my desk just the day before your note of November 30th arrived. Wow, did I appreciate it!

I just can't tell you how much the generous words in that column meant to me. Since coming to CIA I have tried to stay totally out of politics and I have tried to run and lead this agency in a proper fashion. It has been the greatest experience of my lifetime. The CIA in reality is so very different from the public's perception.

I will be going back to Texas with a certain sense of "mission unfinished," but nevertheless it is the proper time to go. The head of this agency must have not only full access to the President but his total confidence. Whoever comes here will be given immediate and total support.

I hope all is well with you. One of these days I will stick my head in that maze where you work and say hi. In the meantime, thanks, my friend.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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